

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 49-50 and 52-66 remain pending. Claims 1-48 have been cancelled. Claims 49-50 and 52-66 are amended. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the amended pending claims and the following remarks submitted in support thereof.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103:

Claims 49 through 66 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e), as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,795,826, to Flinn et al. (Flinn). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner points to Figure 9 and the associated text of Flinn et al. that describes a content network that interrelates content objects. The content objects are defined in Flinn to include various objects 34 that can be interrelated based on topic objects and relationship indicators. Specifically, the methods defined by Flinn include encapsulating information in an object, and the object is in a network of objects, which establish a degree of relationship to other objects and thus provide access to the object in the network. In essence, the teachings of Flinn define a way for interrelating objects, but Flinn is silent about GUI embodiments that provide users with interactivity with different parts of a GUI. The claims were amended to further bring out these features of the now claimed invention.

To further address Flinn, Figure 4 of Flinn describes a user interface layer 10, a logical layer 20, and a physical layer 30. In the user layer 10, a display interface 14 is provided. The display 14 is described in column 8, lines 4 through 7. The display interface 14 is set to provide a *list* of the existing topic objects 34t, and the associated meta information 36t that allow the user or the content management module 26 to select the topic objects 34t to be related. Thus, the display interface 14 only provides a way of allowing a user to create relationships in accordance with the system defined by Flinn et al.

In contrast to the teachings of Flinn et al., the claimed invention is directed toward a graphical display interface portal that is tangibly embodied on a computer readable media.

As amended, the graphical display interface portal provides a graphical display interface that will allow a user to interface with a *program* object. The claims were amended to change the word "data" to "program", so as to better how the *program* object enables *interactivity* to a user. This is different than the functionality provided by Flinn et al. Flinn et al. provides interactivity to allow relationships to be formed between different objects.

Further, the present invention defines a graphical display interface portal that includes a document display area, and a neighborhood panel. The neighborhood panel will also provide the user with one or more program objects or one or more users that are related to the active program object. As amended in claim 49, the claims are further defined to include that the accessible link to either the users or the program objects is presented as an icon, and the icon provides a graphical or text indicator of the type for the accessible link. Additionally, the program objects in the neighborhood panel provide a viewable relationship, and the accessible link to the users and program objects that are most related to the currently active programmed object. Although data relationships are established by Flinn, the relationships are not defined in a GUI that enables accessible links to the users and program objects that are most related to the currently active programmed object.

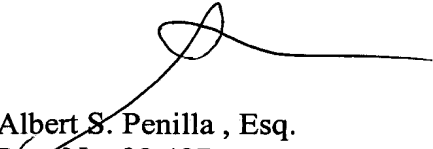
Therefore, in view of the amendments and clarifications provided herein, the Applicants submit that the now amended claims are patentable over Flinn. Further, it is submitted that Flinn fails to teach each and every element of the claims as required for a 102 rejection, and therefore, the Applicants request the withdrawal of the Section 102 rejection of the pending claims.

Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 774-6903. If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. SUNMP406). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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